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A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARY GRANT

Dear MassArt Community,

As this semester comes to an end, I want to express my deep gratitude for your warm welcome and for the inspiring work across MassArt. As I was considering what to write, I had the opportunity to zoom into an end of year celebration with the Art Education Department and to listen to inspiring accolades about our MassArt students who have just completed their art education programs and are heading into schools, classrooms, and communities where they will continue to make a profound difference.

A common theme emerged during the accolades about the importance of inclusion, reflection, generosity, passion, courage, creativity, optimism, love, and embracing the power of relationship building. These qualities, identified so beautifully within our graduates, are the qualities that I see across the MassArt campus.These qualities energize us in good times and lift us up in challenging times.

I want to thank all of the members of our MassArt community – faculty, staff, students, alumni, board members, community members, friends, and supporters for the many ways you contribute to the success and vibrancy of this critically important and distinct institution. It is not trite to say that more than ever we need the collective creativity and collective impact of MassArt.Together we open the doors and do our very best to smooth the path of success for the next generation of artists, makers, educators, leaders, and creative, inclusive, engaged problem solvers.

However, and wherever you celebrate the holidays, I hope that you will be with those whom you love and who love you. I hope that you catch your breath, share a laugh, and a hug. And, I hope that you will take just a moment to reflect on the many ways you contribute and help open those doors and smooth those pathways to the future.

With great thanks, I wish you happy, healthy, and joyous holidays!

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